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SUBJ: CUBA NOW INVOLVED IN IDEOLOGICAL TRAINING IN BENIN

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1. CUBA, FOR THE FIRST TIME, IS PROVIDING BENIN THE FRUITS OF ITS 17-YEAR EXPERIENCE IN MARXIST IDEOLOGY. TWO CUBANS ARE ASSISTING IN A 30-DAY IDEOLOGICAL TRAINING COURSE TO WHICH 150 OF BENIN'S TOP CIVIL SERVANTS AND HEADS OF MOST ALL STATE-RUN ENTERPRISES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED. THE CUBANS WERE IDENTIFIED IN THE LOCAL MEDIA AS MAJOR OSCAR AMADOR, DEPDIR OF THE CUBAN INSTITUTE OF FRIENDSHIP WITH PEOPLES (LITERAL TRANSLATION FROM THE FRENCH) AND AUGUSTE VERANES OF THE SAME INSTITUTE.

2. THE PRESS ACCOUNT OF THE CUBAN PARTICIPATION IN THE TRAINING SESSION PROVIDED ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BENIN MEDIA TO TAKE A SWAT AT US THOUGH NOT BY NAME. THE ARTICLE GLORIFIED THE "BRILLIANT VICTORIES" WON BY CUBA, "INSPITE OF ITS PROXIMITY TO THE LEADER OF THE IMPERIALIST STATES".

3. TRAINING SESSION IS PARALYZING THE GOVT AND GOVT ENTERPRISES. TOP PEOPLE SUCH AS THE BENIN DEVELOPMENT BANK DIR ABOU BABA MOUSSA, AND LEON LOUBET, DIR GEN OF THE STATE RUN PETROLEUM

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DISTRIBUTION COMPANY SONACOP, ARE TIED UP FOR THE NEXT

MONTH THERE. (THESE PEOPLE WHO WOULD OTHERWISE BE INVOLVED
IN NEGOTIATIONS ON INDEMNIFICATION OF TEXACO AND MOBIL.)
EVEN BENIN'S AMB TO BONN, TIAMOU ADJIBADE, IS SPENDING HIS TIME
THERE BEFORE PROCEEDING TO HIS POST. THIS IS TYPICAL OF THE
GPRB'S POLICY OF PLACING IDEOLOGY BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE. THIS
HIGH LEVEL RE-EDUCATION SESSION IS THE HANDIWORK OF INFOR-
MATION AND NATIONAL ORIENTATION MIN MARTIN AZONHIHO.
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